

**AkzoNobel**

Tomorrow's Answers Today

Statement on Eka Chemicals Policy with regard to sustainability of the pulp and paper industry

Eka Chemicals has global operations in chemical production supplying the pulp and paper industry. This statement sets out Eka's policy concerning the supply of raw materials used in the manufacture of pulp and paper.

Eka Chemicals is a Business Unit of AkzoNobel. It has sustainability embedded in its business strategy and operates within AkzoNobel's policies and guidelines.

AkzoNobel sustainability policy and standards

AkzoNobel has integrated sustainability in the company strategy. It strives to be among the top three on Dow Jones Sustainability Index.

AkzoNobel actively supports the guiding principles of the UN Global Compact, the Global Responsible Care® charter of the chemical industry, the Coatings Care® program of the paint and printing ink industry and the Business Charter for Sustainable Development of the International Chamber of Commerce.

Extract from Code of Conduct

"We will conduct our activities in a socially responsible manner. In this respect we observe the laws of the countries in which we operate, support fundamental human rights in line with the legitimate role of business and give proper regard to health, safety and the environment consistent with our commitment to contribute to sustainable development."

Environment

"AkzoNobel protects the environment by preventing or minimizing the environmental impact of its activities and products through appropriate design, manufacturing, distribution, use, and disposal practices."

AkzoNobel's ambition is to continuously improve its environmental performance. We do this by reducing the footprint of our own operations (eg greenhouse gas emissions, sustainable use of fresh water, etc) and by developing eco-efficient products and processes which support our customers to lower their environmental footprint.

The company measures and reports Key Performance Indicator's to monitor our progress.

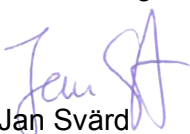
Eka Chemicals Policy on sustainable fiber supply for pulp and paper production

1. Work with customers or partners who, as a minimum, follow the practices, laws and guidelines of the forestry industry in the countries they operate, and who source fiber raw material from environmentally and socially responsible sources.
2. Limit our investments in pulp production units to those mills which:
 - know the primary source(s) of the wood that they purchase
 - ensure that all wood in the supply chain comes from legal sources, and that no wood is sourced from High Conservation Value Forests
 - protect freshwater resources in the area where it operates and works with improving energy efficiency and lower carbon footprint
 - Comply with all legal requirements and meet the standards set by the World Bank for pulp and paper mill operations.
3. Work with our partners to meet new standards as expectations around environmental and social impact are raised.
4. Encourage the implementation of internationally recognized certification schemes that assure that fibre used is recycled and/or natural virgin wood fiber sourced from well managed forests or plantations applying the principles and criteria of sustainable forestry, or from other sustainable cultivation.
5. Encourage the development of good management practice in line with the principles and criteria of sustainable forestry, in those countries and regions in the world which have a poor record on forest management issues.

In addition to working with our partners in the pulp and paper industry as outlined above, Eka Chemicals will;

- Engage in appropriate due diligence in all new projects in which we are investing in capital and equity to ensure that these projects adhere to all legal requirements and meet the standards set by the World Bank for pulp and paper mill operations
- Provide bleaching technologies which meet international standards
- Provide information on technical developments throughout the life time of the investment
- Communicate with informed NGOs during the due diligence process to ensure arguments for and against the project are understood and evaluated
- Supply chemicals and systems which meet industry requirements and contribute to reducing the environmental impact of pulp and paper production.

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